Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) 60.

(*b*)

Year	*No. of Bore Wells sunk*
1965-66	26
1966-67	77
1967-68	97

(*c*) Yes.

District Food Advisory Committees

165. Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES (Coondapur).—

Will the Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government has defined the exact duties, responsibilities and powers of the members of the District Food Advisory Committees constituted during 1967;

(*b*) if not, whether Government intend to define the same in clear terms;

(*c*) whether the Government has received any representation from a member of this House, suggesting to better the working of the District and Taluk Food Advisory Committees;

(*d*) if so, the action if any, taken in the matter?

Sri B. VITTALDAS SHETTY (Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(*a*) The functions of the Committee are of an advisory nature.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The Deputy Commissioners of Districts have been directed to see that the meetings are convened every month regularly.

Cottage and small Scale Wool Industries

195. Sri M. BASAVARAJU (K. R. Nagar).—

Will the Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the extent and nature of help and assistance given to Wool Industries (both Cottage and small scale) by Government during the last 3 years (yearwise details may kindly be given);

(*b*) the improvement achieved in the wool industry during the last 3 years as result of this aid ;

(*c*) the quantity of wool raw and finished products produced during the last 3 years (yearswise figures may be given) ;

(*d*) whether old traditional looms and carding machines and equipment are used in the Industry ;

(*e*) the measures the Government proposes to taken to introduce up to date and modern carding and weaving machines and technique in the Industry ?

SRI A. P. APPANNA (Deputy Minister for Industries).—

		1965-66	*1966-67*	*1967-68*
(*a*)	(i) Grants towards establishment of marketing Depots by the Mysore State Woollen Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society.	1,012	...	...
	(ii) Grants to the Mysore State Woolen Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society, towards award of Prizes to Wool Weavers' Co-operative Societies to serve as an incentive for production and marketing.	...	...	1,000
	(iii) Grants to the Mysore State Woollen Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society towards publicity and propaganda for Woollen handloom products.	1,731	1,493	1,134
	(iv) Loans to the Primary Weavers' Co-operative Societies for construction of Housing Colonies for Woollen Handloom Weavers.	20,000	15,000	12,500
	(v) Stipend and T.A. towards training of Wool Weavers.	...	...	2,547
		22,743	16,493	17,181

(*b*) The Woollen Apex Society has organised sales depots at Chickmagalur, Sagar, Sirsi, Belgaum, Veerajpet, Mercara and Pandrapur (Maharashtra State) which have turnover of Rs. 1 lakhs.

(SRI A. P. APPANNA)

On account of the assistance given under the scheme of 'Award of Prizes' and 'Publicity and Propaganda' there has been general improvement in the working of the societies and production of quality goods.

One Housing Colony comprising of 50 houses at Medlori was constructed for the weaver members of the Wool Development Co-operative Association Ranebennur, and the houses were occupied by Weaver members during this period.

Another Housing Colony consisting of 34 houses for the weaver members of the Woollen Weavers' Co-operative Society at Baragur, Sira Taluk, Tumkur District was taken up and is nearing completion.

Ten Woollen Weavers were trained at the Government Wool Spinning Centre, Kolar in the use of improved appliances and introduction of modern designs.

(*c*) The statistics regarding production of raw wool are not readily available in the Department. The statistical information have to be collected from the Department of Animal Husbandary and furnished.

The value of finished woollen products produced in the Co-operative Sector during the last three years are as follows :—

		Rs.
1965-66	...	17,85,658
1966-67	...	15,42,588
1967-68	...	18,16,943

(*d*) The old traditional looms, *viz.*, Throw shuttle looms are being gradually replaced by fly shuttle looms. Similarly the outmoded methods of carding are no longer-adopted. Carding machines are supplied to the Weavers' Co-operative Societies.

(*e*) In the Draft Fourth Plan, it is proposed to supply improved looms and appliances, etc., at a cost of Rs. 8 lakhs for handloom weavers including woollen handloom weavers.

Milk procured in Bangalore Dairy

241. Sri T. R. SHAMANNA (Fort).—

Will the Minister of State for Veterinary Services, Animal Husbandary and Dairy Development be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the quantity of milk procured by the Bangalore Dairy during 1967-68 ;

(*b*) the quantity sold in that year ;

(*c*) the quantity of butter (i) produced (ii) sold (iii) Burnt in the year 1967-68 ?